

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 903

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to commend Captain Charles Stewart and the Navy Operation Support Center (NOSC) Funeral and Color Guard Honors Team Reserve Component for their honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize and commend those members of the Navy Operation Support Center's (NOSC) Funeral and Color Guard Honors team who, through their efforts of providing Funeral and Color Guard Honors, bring acclaim to Tennessee and serve as stellar and exemplary sailors for our great State; and

WHEREAS, the Navy Operations Support Center (NOSC) Funeral and Color Guard Honors team is comprised of estimable and remarkable individuals; these men and women recently completed their fifth consecutive quarter of being the number one team out of fifty-five teams in the Navy REDCOM Southeast; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication, and hard work, the funeral team maximized their talents from 2003 to 2005 by providing 624 funeral honors to our State's fallen sailors, both active duty sailors and veterans; and

WHEREAS, during this same time period, they also volunteered their free time to provide more than thirty Color Guard Honors at numerous elementary, middle, and high school events, ship reunions, and community, state, and federal functions, along with sporting events; and

WHEREAS, Captain Charles Stewart strives to produce sailors who hold themselves accountable and display the Navy's Core Values of honor "to serve their fellow Americans," courage to have "the moral and mental strength to do what is right with confidence and resolution, even in the face of temptation or adversity," and commitment to "the day-to-day duty

of every man and woman in the Department of Navy to join together as a team to improve the quality of our work, our people, and ourselves”; and

WHEREAS, Captain Stewart enjoyed outstanding and considerable support from the Commanding Officer of NOSC and his active duty staff. The team is made up of Captain Charles Stewart, AM1 Matthew Hansen, CS1 Marsha Stepp, HM1 Norman Farrar, SK1 Nancy Boyd, AO2 Grady Nations, ET2 Paul Welsh, HT2 Troy Harlin, PH2 Kevin Whitledge, RP2 Brent Meyer, IS2 Joel Cassell, AM3 Jason Bruce, BU3 Justin Thompson, IT3 John West, and SK3 Timothy McDonald; and

WHEREAS, the Navy’s young men and women epitomize all that is good in today’s society by honoring those sailors who served our nation from WWII to Iraqi Freedom; all members serve as model sailors whose uniforms are meticulously inspected and whose appearance is immaculate; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the NOSC Funeral and Color Guard Honors team members for their service to our active duty sailors, veterans, and family members of deceased sailors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Captain Charles Stewart and the Navy Operation Support Center Funeral and Color Guard Honors Team Reserve Component for their honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize Captain Charles Stewart and his fellow sailors for their outstanding performance in honoring our deceased veterans, their superb record of professionalism, and their diligent concern in providing excellent and appropriate final honors for their fallen shipmates and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish each member of the Funeral and Color Guard Honors team and the NOSC members much continued success and many more years of excellence in service to our country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.